Criminology Article

There was an article, **RELIGION AND CRIME REEXAMINED: THE IMPACT OF RELIGION, SECULAR CONTROLS, AND SOCIAL ECOLOGY ON ADULT CRIMINALITY.** This article that comes from the periodical Criminology, was referenced in a WSJ newspaper from 1999, Two Million Prisoners are enough. Below is an abstract summary and my interaction with Tasha Gross at Pelham Public Library.

Abstract

Summary:

Since Hirschi and Stark's (1969) surprising failure to find religious ("hellfire") effects on delinquency, subsequent research has generally revealed an inverse relationship between religiosity and various forms of deviance, delinquency, and crime. The complexity of the relationship and conditions under which it holds, however, continue to be debated. Although a few researchers have found that religion's influence is noncontingent, most have found support—especially among youths—for effects that vary by denomination, type of offense, and social and/or religious context. More recently the relationship has been reported as spurious when relevant secular controls are included. Our research attempts to resolve these issues by testing the religion-crime relationship in models with a comprehensive crime measure and three separate dimensions of religiosity. We also control for secular constraints, religious networks, and social ecology. We found that, among our religiosity measures, participation in religious activities was a persistent and noncontingent inhibiter of adult crime

Email Interaction (Pelham Librarian)

According to my email with Tasha Gross, this was her response in regards to her findings.

Hi Wilfredo,

I'm sorry to say I could not find a free version of the article! However, here is the link to the WorldCat for it. I see that it is available at a number of academic libraries in the Westchester and NYC area, so I hope it will not be too difficult to track down.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

All the best,
Tasha